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Chirurgia Robotica: Quale Ruolo nell'Urgenza

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L'urgenza chirurgica: sfide e bisogni

Requisiti dell'Emergenza

- Rapidità decisionale e operativa
- Sicurezza per il paziente critico
- Adattabilità a situazioni imprevedibili
- Disponibilità immediata delle risorse

Approcci Tradizionali

Gli interventi d'urgenza sono tradizionalmente dominati da tecniche chirurgiche open o laparoscopiche, consolidate e rapide da eseguire

Limiti Operativi

L'urgenza pone vincoli significativi:

- tempi ristretti per la preparazione
- disponibilità del personale specializzato
- necessità di formazione continua



Limiti e criticità nell'uso robotico in urgenza

Disponibilità Tecnologica

Accesso limitato al sistema robotico durante le ore notturne e nei weekend, quando molte emergenze si verificano. Non tutti i centri dispongono di robotica H24

Tempi Operatori Prolungati

Durata degli interventi più lunga rispetto a laparoscopia e chirurgia open, fattore critico in situazioni d'emergenza dove ogni minuto conta

Costi Economici Elevati

Investimento iniziale significativo per l'acquisto del robot, costi di manutenzione e materiali monouso che gravano sui budget ospedalieri

Formazione Specialistica

Necessità di training continuo e approfondito per chirurghi e team operatorio, con curve di apprendimento lunghe e impegnative

Selezione del Paziente

Solo pazienti emodinamicamente stabili sono candidati idonei: l'instabilità emodinamica rimane una controindicazione assoluta all'approccio robotico

Robotic emergency general surgery, future or fallacy?: case-matched comparison of operative and clinical outcomes during the adoption phase in a tertiary centre


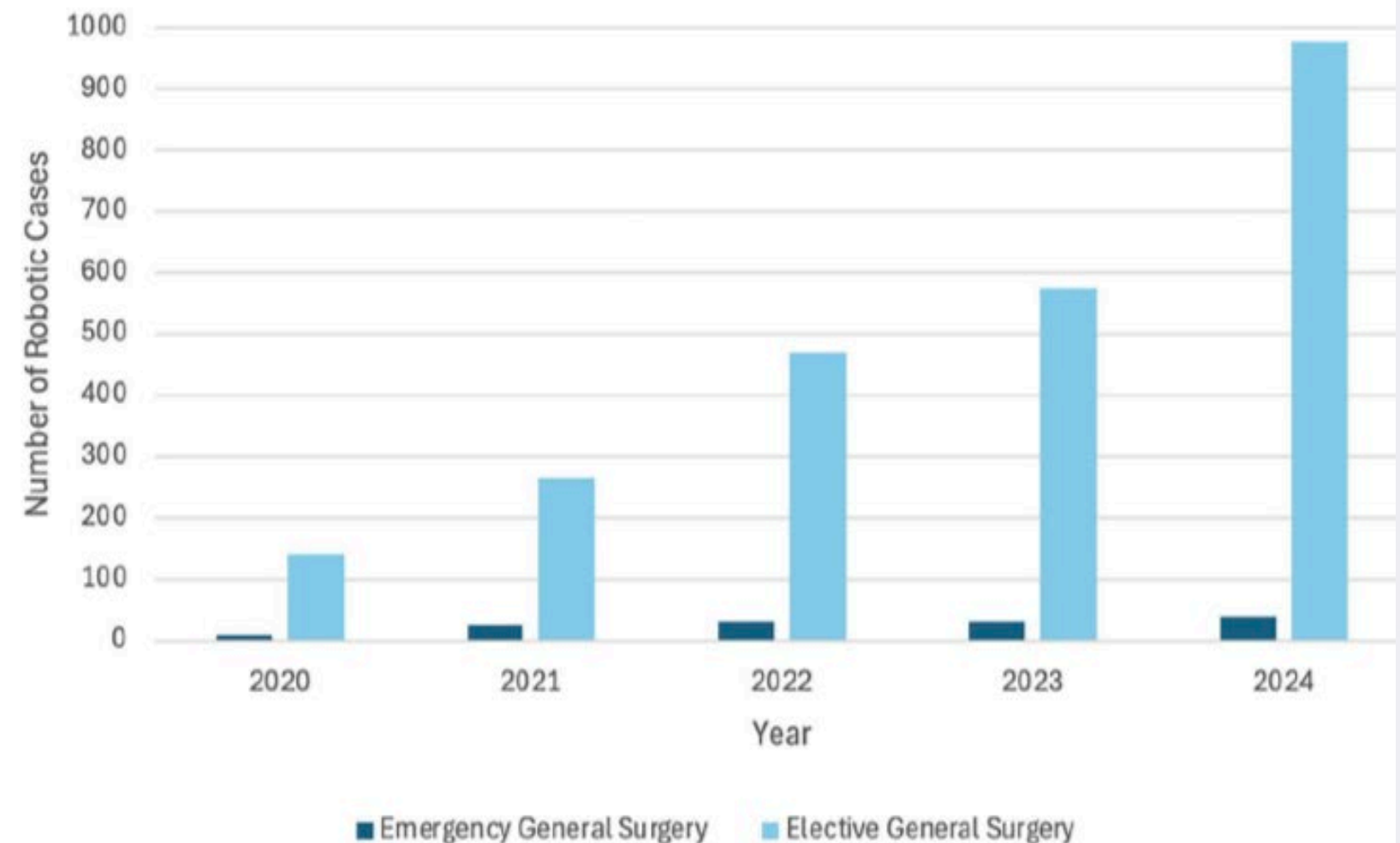
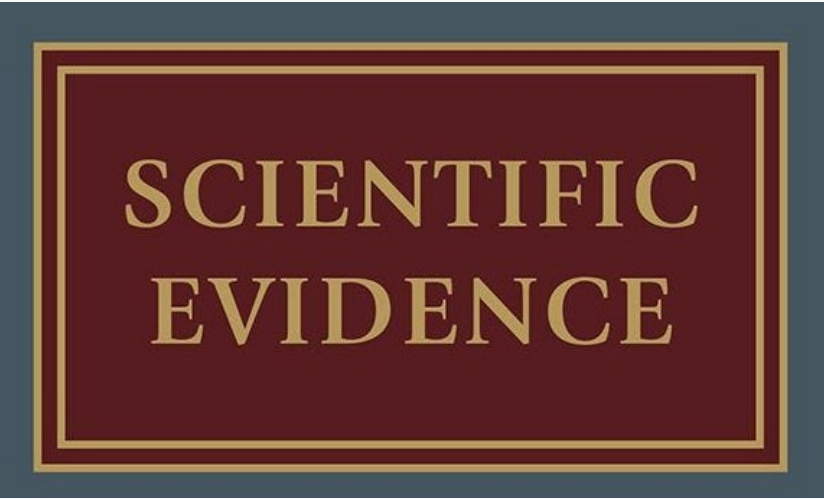
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Fig. 1 Temporal trend in robotic general surgery case volume from 2020 to 2024



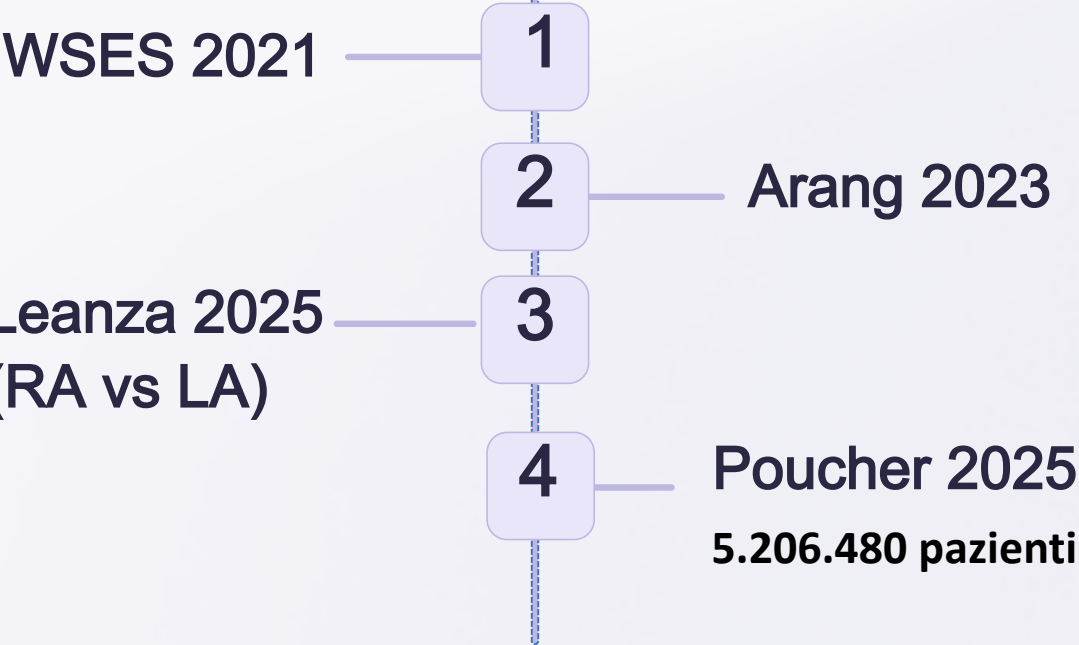
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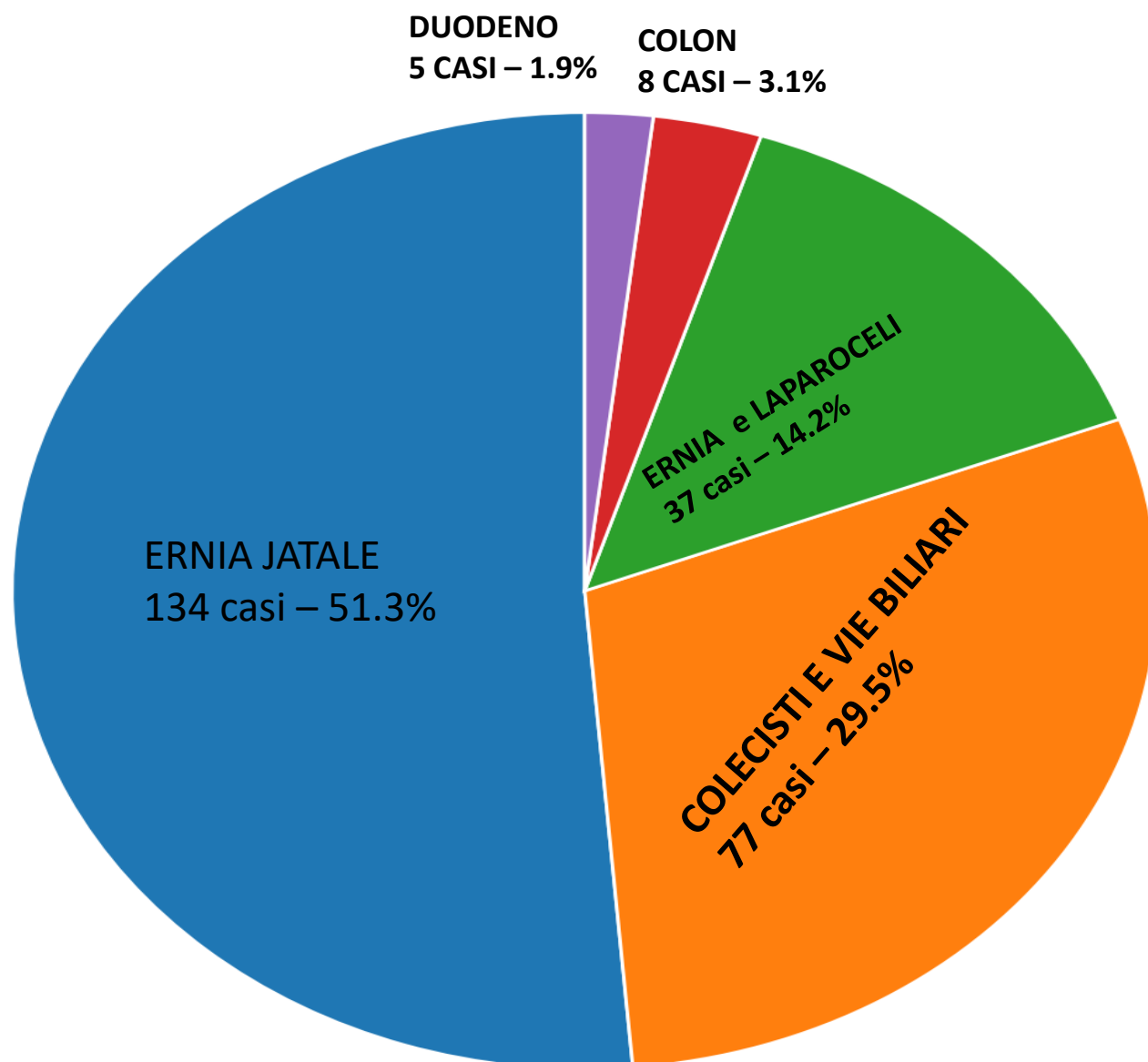


Robotic surgery in emergency setting: 2021
WSES position paper

The diagram illustrates the hierarchy of evidence-based medicine, showing how a large number of studies are filtered down to a smaller number of patients. The pyramid is divided into seven levels, with the top level being the most rigorous and the bottom level being the least rigorous. A blue arrow points down from the top level, and a red lightning bolt points to the bottom level.

Level	Study Type	Number of Studies	Number of Patients
1	Revisori sistematici	10	261
2	Studi randomizzati controllati		
3	Studi di coorte		
4	Studi retrospettivi comparativi		
5	Studi caso-controllo		
6	Case series e case report		
7	Opinioni di esperti		

Distribuzione degli interventi (totale = 261)



Robotic surgery in emergency setting: 2021 WSES position paper

PS-1. Robotic surgery in emergency settings is highly dependent on the surgeon's experience and should only be performed in an appropriately equipped operating

Level of evidence: case reports and case series → expert opinion

Strength of consensus (based on the survey evaluation): 100%

PS-2. Robotic surgery in emergency settings may be considered in highly selected clinically stable patients only.

Level of evidence: case reports and case series → expert opinion

Strength of consensus: 94.6%

PS-3. Robotic surgery may be considered in challenging situations, which are foreseen as a reason for conversion to open surgery if operating in laparoscopy.

Suggested literature

Level of evidence: case reports and case series → expert opinion.

Strength of consensus: 83.8% (based on the survey evaluation)

PS-5. The increased costs need to be justified in the context of an efficient implementation of robotic surgery. Currently, the availability and accessibility of the robotic platforms for emergency care surgical units are very limited.

Robotic Appendicectomy

A review of feasibility

2023

Hossein Arang¹ and *Michael El Boghdady^{2,3}

STUDIO REG. IN PROSPERO



9 STUDI, 20 ANNI > 35000 PZ,
SOLO 12 URGENZA



- Conversione: minimo o nullo
- Perdita ematica trascurabile (<5 mL)
- Durata media della degenza ospedaliera 5,2 giorni
- COSTI 13.210 Vs 7.709 per la LA



FATTIBILE

TROPPO COSTOSO E
LUNGHI TEMPI

Author and year of publication	Journal	Type of study	Objective	Patients (n)	Indications	Robotic system	Findings/outcomes	MERSQI scores* (Quality)
Akl <i>et al.</i> ¹⁷ (2008)	The International Journal of Medical Robotics and Computer Assisted Surgery	Cohort study	To assess the feasibility, safety and pathological findings of incidental RA in patients undergoing robotic gynaecological surgeries.	Altogether Elective RA 107 patients.	Chronic pelvic pain and gynaecological malignancies.	Da Vinci robotic system	Incidental RA was performed safely and effectively in conjunction with other robotic gynaecological procedures with no perioperative complications related to appendicectomy.	13 (high)
Yi <i>et al.</i> ¹⁸ (2016)	Surgical Endoscopy	Case report	To develop and validate one low-cost and easy-use minimally invasive surgical robot system "Micro Hand S" that surgeons can use to resolve the complicated surgeries challenge.	Altogether, 10 patients (Emergency RA = 3)	Acute appendicitis	Micro Hand S robotic surgery	No intraoperative complications or technical problems were encountered with the use of the domestic produced "Micro Hand S" All patients recovered and were discharged from hospital without complications.	8 (low)
Yi <i>et al.</i> ¹⁹ (2017)	Surgical Endoscopy	Case series	To assess the safety and feasibility of the Chinese minimally invasive surgical robot system "Micro Hand S" in its first clinical use	Altogether, three patients (Emergency RA = 2)	Acute appendicitis	Micro Hand S robotic surgery	The robot system "Micro Hand S" was safe and effective with no intraoperative complications or technical problems being encountered with its use. At three-month follow up, patients had no adverse reactions.	8 (low)
Bütter <i>et al.</i> ²⁰ (2017)	Journal of Robotic Surgery	Cohort study	To present the results of the first paediatric robotic surgery program in Canada.	Altogether, 41 children Interval RA = 1	Interval appendicectomy.	Da Vinci robotic system	All robotic procedures were completed without conversion, with no technical failures due to the robotic system.	13 (high)
Orcutt <i>et al.</i> ²¹ (2017)	International journal of surgery case reports	Case series	To present cases with appendiceal mucocoeles that were successfully treated with minimally invasive approaches.	Altogether, two patients Elective RA = 1	Mucocoele of appendix	Unclear	The robotic approach allowed meticulous dissection and intact removal of appendiceal mucocoele with no intra- or post-operative complications.	6.5 (low)
Hüttenbrink <i>et al.</i> ²² (2018)	Langenbeck's Archives of Surgery	Cohort study	To investigate the safety and patients benefit of incidental appendicectomy during RALRP.	Altogether, 53 patients Elective RA = 53 Histopathology: inconspicuous = 33, post inflammatory changes = 11, chronic appendicitis = 4, appendicitis = 3 and neoplasia = 2	RALRP with incidental appendicectomy	Da Vinci robotic system	Incidental appendicectomy during RALRP is a feasible and safe procedure and could be considered for patients scheduled for robot-assisted prostate surgery.	13.5 (high)
Yao <i>et al.</i> ²³ (2020)	International Journal of Surgery	Cohort study	To evaluate the feasibility and safety of the Micro Hand S surgical robot in general surgery.	Altogether, 81 patients (Emergency RA = 3)	Acute appendicitis	Micro Hand S robotic surgery	RA was successfully performed in all three patients. The operative time (min) 130.0, blood loss (ml) 40.0 and hospital stay (day) 6.3	
Kelkar <i>et al.</i> ²⁴ (2020)	Surgical Endoscopy	Cohort study	To provide an initial safety analysis of the first 30 surgical procedures performed using the Versius Surgical System.	Altogether, 30 patients (Emergency RA = 4)	Acute appendicitis	Versius Surgical System	RA was successfully performed in all four patients. The operation time ranged between 80-135 minutes and estimated intraoperative blood loss was negligible.	
Quilici <i>et al.</i> ²⁵ (2021)	Surgical Endoscopy	Cohort study	To define the value, cost and fiscal impact of robotic-assisted procedures in abdominal surgery and provide clinical guidance for its routine use.	Altogether, 34,984 patients (few unspecified number RA)	Abdominal surgery including AA	Da Vinci surgical system	RA were performed at a higher cost vs laparoscopic appendicectomy, with an average total cost per case \$13,210 vs \$7,709. Robotic technology for gastrointestinal procedures is significantly more expensive than other surgical techniques.	

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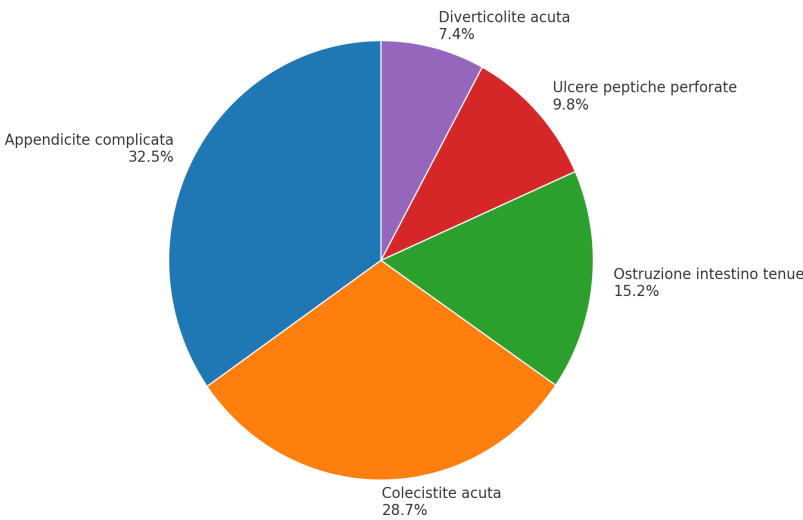
Robotic-assisted surgery for acute abdominal emergencies:
a systematic review of 1142 cases

Danilo Coco¹ · Silvana Leanza¹

VS 2310 pazienti LA E OA

Characteristic	Value	Notes
Total studies included	27	studi > 10 pazienti
Total procedures analyzed	1,142	
<i>Geographic distribution</i>		
- North America	52% (14 studies)	Predominantly US-based centers
- Europe	33% (9 studies)	Mainly Italy, France, Germany
- Asia	15% (4 studies)	Primarily South Korea, Japan
<i>Study design</i>		
- Retrospective	70% (19 studies)	Includes 2 randomized controlled trials
- Prospective	30% (8 studies)	
Mean patient age (years)	48.5 ± 14.2	Range: 18–82
Sex distribution	54% male, 46% female	Obese subgroup: 32% (BMI ≥ 30)
BMI (kg/m ²)	28.3 ± 5.1	
ASA classification		
- ASA I–II	68%	
- ASA III–IV	32%	

Distribuzione delle urgenze addominali



Outcome metric	Robotic (<i>n</i> = 1,142)	Laparoscopic (<i>n</i> = 2,310*)	<i>p</i> -value	Clinical implication
Mean operative time (min)	152 ± 39	126 ± 34	0.003	21% longer with robotics
Estimated blood loss (mL)	85 ± 28	120 ± 45	0.03	29% reduction with robotics
Overall conversion rate	9.10%	12.70%	0.04	28% relative risk reduction
Obese patient conversions	11.30%	18.60%	0.04	Greater benefit in BMI ≥ 30
Major complications	13.20%	14.70%	0.21	Non-inferior safety
Hospital stay (days)	4.1 ± 2.3	4.4 ± 2.6	0.15	Comparable recovery

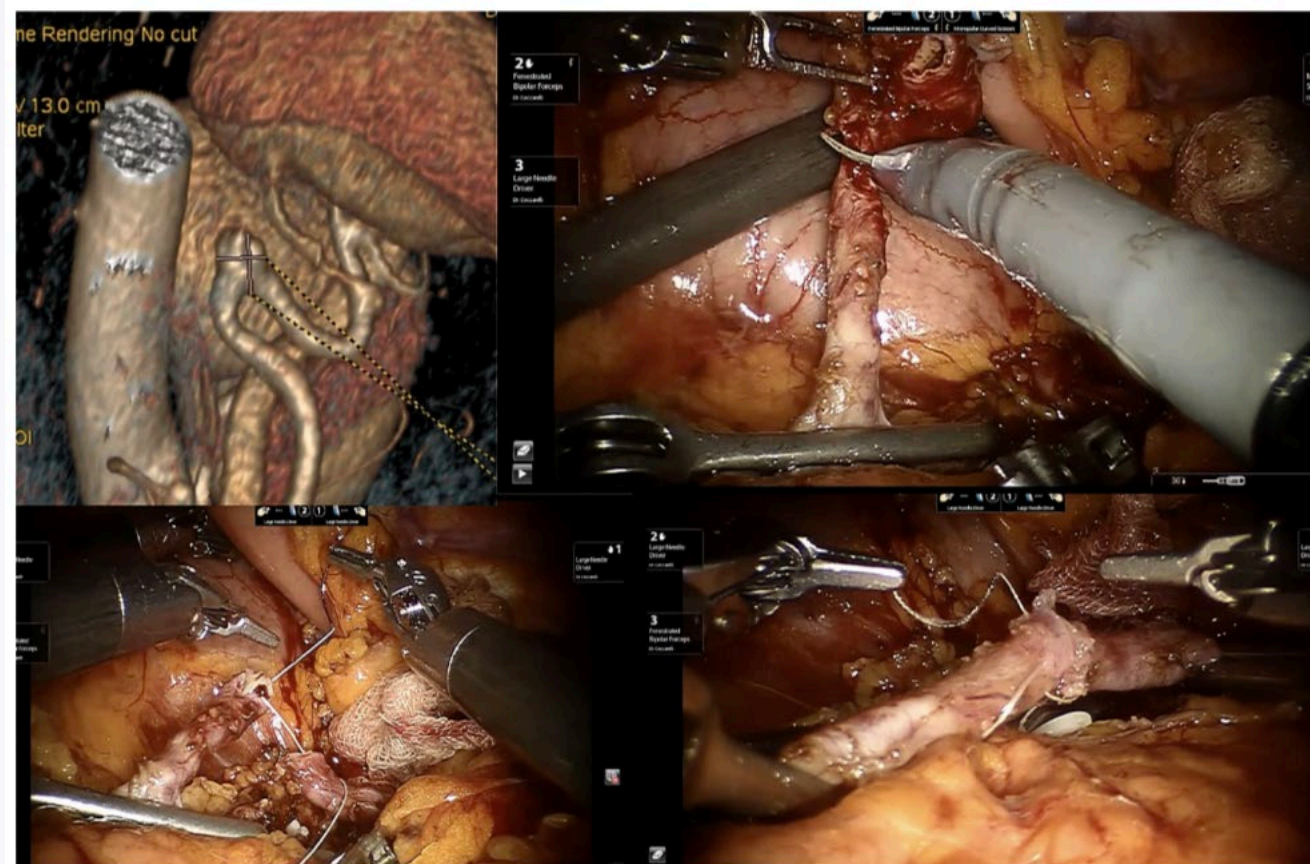
Procedure	Cases (<i>n</i>)	Operative time (min)	Conversion rate (%)	Key complications (%)	Notable findings
Complicated appendicitis	371	128 ± 32	6.5	Intra-abdominal abscess (3.2%)	Lower conversion vs. laparoscopic (9.8%)
Acute cholecystitis	328	142 ± 28	8.1	Bile duct injury (0.6%), bile spillage (12.3%)	Superior safety in Tokyo II/III cases
Small bowel obstruction	174	156 ± 41	11.4	Enterotomy (4.6%)	Reduced iatrogenic injury risk
Perforated peptic ulcer	112	98 ± 23	4.2	Leak rate (2.7%)	High primary repair success (92.8%)
Acute diverticulitis	85	184 ± 37	7.0	Anastomotic leak (3.5%)	Comparable to open outcomes

Factor	Odds ratio (95% CI)	<i>p</i> -value	Adjusted analysis
Matted adhesions (SBO)	3.2 (1.8–5.7)	< 0.001	Strongest predictor
Tokyo III cholecystitis	2.1 (1.2–3.8)	0.01	twofold increased risk
Hinchey II diverticulitis	1.9 (1.1–3.3)	0.03	
BMI ≥ 35	1.7 (1.2–2.5)	0.04	Persistent after adjustment
Prior abdominal surgery	1.5 (1.1–2.1)	0.02	

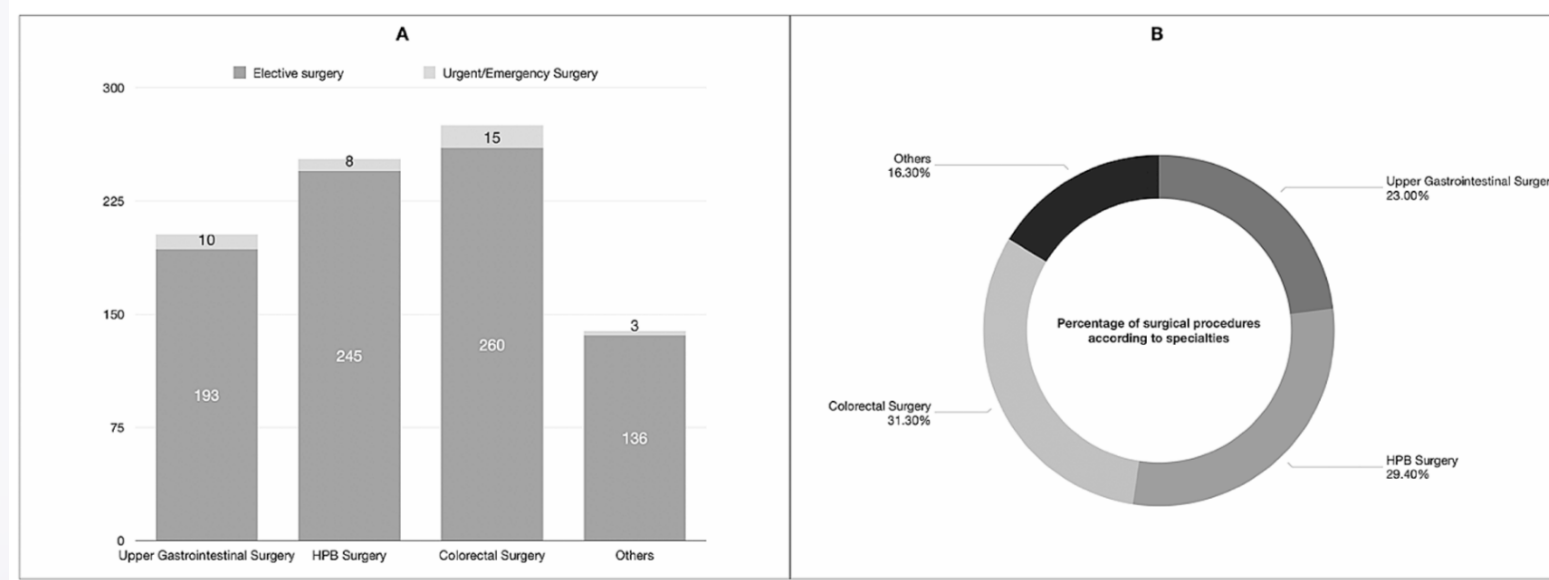
Parameter	Robotic	Laparoscopic	Difference
Mean direct costs (USD)	\$14,520 ± \$2,810	\$9,850 ± \$1,970	47%
Disposable equipment	\$2,150/procedure	\$480/procedure	348%
OR setup time (min)	38 ± 12	22 ± 8	73%
Readmission rate	5.20%	6.80%	– 23%
Reoperation rate	2.10%	3.40%	– 38%

Emergency robotic surgery: the experience of a single center and review of the literature

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36 U / 834 E = 4.3%



REVIEW DI 50 LAVORI!!!!

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Colecistectomia robotica
single-site

Sindrome di Mirizzi

Erni addominali
< conversione
> ambulatoriali

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20 studi 5.206.480 pazienti

Study	Data source	Procedure	Pathology	n	Robot System	NOS
Latif, 2024, UK	Single centre 2022–23	Rob chole	Biliary	23	Da Vinci X	6
Shapera, 2024, USA	Single centre 2021–22	Rob chole	Biliary	26 (AH) vs 20 (RH)	Da Vinci Xi	7
Shen, 2024, USA	Single centre 2021–22	Rob vs Lap chole	Biliary	89 vs 361	Da Vinci Xi	8
Klein, 2024, USA	Single centre 2021–24	Rob vs Lap chole	Biliary	130 vs 130	Da Vinci	8
Greenberg, 2024, USA	Multi-centre database 2020–22	Rob vs Lap chole	Biliary	3151 vs 26,786	Not specified	9
Kudsi, 2020, USA	Single centre 2013–19	Rob ventral hernia repair	Ventral/ incisional hernia	34	Da Vinci	7
Iaquinandì, 2024, Switzerland	Single centre 2020–24	Rob hiatus hernia repair	Hiatal hernia	17	Da Vinci Xi	6
Bou-Ayash, 2021, USA	Single centre 2020	Rob IHR	Inguinal hernia	19	Da Vinci	7
Testa, 2023, Switzerland	Single centre 2018–23	Rob vs open IHR	Inguinal hernia	15 vs 19	Not specified	8
Maertens, 2022, UK	Single centre 2020–21	Rob colectomy	Mixed colon pathology	10	Da Vinci X	7
Anderson, 2019, USA	Single centre 2015–17	Rob vs lap colectomy	Ulcerative colitis	6 vs 13	Da Vinci Xi	6
Arnott, 2022, USA	NSQIP database 2012–19	Rob vs lap colectomy	Diverticulitis	297 vs 6,583	Da Vinci	7
Charland, 2024, USA	NIS database 2008–20	Rob vs lap, multiple acute procedures	Multiple	65,853 vs 3,974,702	Not specified	9
Sanderfer, 2024, USA	NSQIP database 2022–23	Non-elective vs elective rob procedures	Multiple	133 (non-elective) vs 67 (elective)	Not specified	8
Grimsley, 2023, USA	Florida Agency for Healthcare Administration database 2018–20	Rob vs lap, multiple acute procedures	Multiple	3,751 vs 56,982	Not specified	9
Lunardi, 2024, USA	Premier Healthcare	Rob vs lap/open, multi-	Multiple	1,067,263	Not specified	9

- **Conversione.** Colecistectomia: 1,7% vs 3,0% per robotica vs laparoscopica, $p<0,001$; Colectomia: 11,2% vs 25,5%, $p<0,001$.
- **I tempi operatori:** costantemente più lunghi per gli approcci robotici rispetto alle tecniche laparoscopiche (es. Colecistectomia robotica 176 min vs Laparoscopica 109 min, $p<0,001$).
- **Esiti Clinici:**
 - **Durata della degenza (LOS):** Generalmente comparabile. Tre studi LOS statisticamente significativa più breve con la chirurgia robotica per colectomie, riparazioni di ulcere peptiche perforate e adesiolisi.
 - **Tassi di Ri-ammissione:** Non sono state riscontrate differenze
 - **Tassi di Complicanze:** Arnott et al. e Grimsley et al. hanno riportato tassi significativamente inferiori nel gruppo robotico. Grimsley et al. hanno anche riscontrato ricoveri in terapia intensiva significativamente più elevati nel gruppo laparoscopico
- **Costi:** tutti gli studi confermano costi più elevati nei robotici

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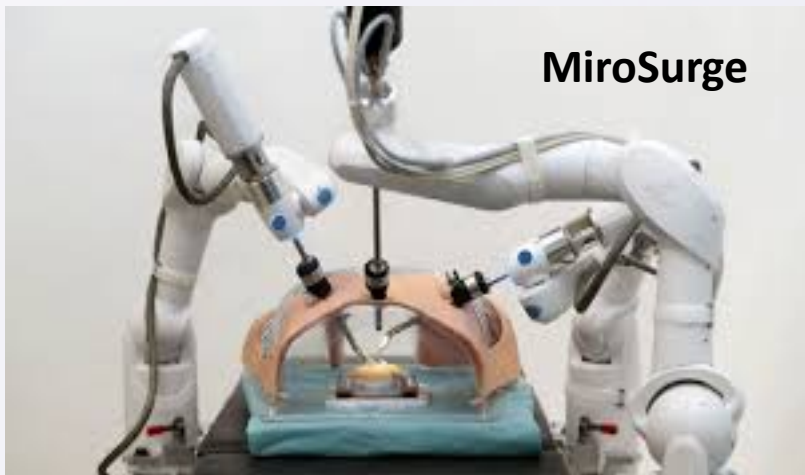
Current evidence and reported experiences for robot-assisted emergency general surgery: systematic review

2025

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SISTEMI ROBOTICI



50 CENTRI INTERNAZIONALI

Milone et al.
World Journal of Emergency Surgery (2024) 19:20
<https://doi.org/10.1186/s13017-024-00542-x>

STUDY PROTOCOL

Open Access

The role of RObotic surgery in EMergency setting (ROEM): protocol for a multicentre, observational, prospective international study on the use of robotic platform in emergency surgery

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DATI MALATTIA

- Colecistiti
- Diverticoliti
- Ernia
- Altre

1 ANNO F.UP

World Journal of
Emergency Surgery

ESITI POST-OPERATORII

- Canalizzazione
- Mobiizzazione
- Degenza
- Clavien-Dindo
- Mortalità
- Riammissioni
- COSTI

DATI OPERATIVI

- Dati demografici
- N° interventi
- Esperienza
- Modello e procedura
- Tempo Operatori
- Complicanze e conversioni

**SELEZIONE DEI PAZIENTI E DELLE PATOLOGIE
IN CUI E' INDICATO L'APPROCCIO ROBOTICO**

**INFORMATIVA PER ALLOCAZIONE DI RISORSE
E FORMAZIONE**



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Robotica vs Laparoscopia in emergenza: numeri chiave



Tasso di Conversione

Robotica: 1.7% vs Laparoscopia: 3.0%

Nella colecistectomia d'urgenza, l'approccio robotico dimostra una maggiore capacità di completare l'intervento senza ricorrere alla laparotomia



Complicanze

Tassi simili tra le tecniche

Sicurezza paragonabile con vantaggi tecnici evidenti: migliore visualizzazione, precisione nei movimenti e minor trauma tissutale



Degenza

Riduzione del 40%

Nella maggior parte delle casistiche esaminate vi è una riduzione della degenza rispetto alle procedure eseguite in laparoscopia fino al 40%



Durata Intervento e costi

152 minuti (±38 min – Costi 220%)
Tempo operatorio medio leggermente superiore alla laparoscopia, ma compensato da minori complicanze intraoperatorie



Colecistectomia



Colectomia



Riparazioni Emiarie

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Tempi e costi: le sfide da superare

L'equilibrio tra innovazione tecnologica e sostenibilità operativa rappresenta la sfida principale per l'implementazione della robotica in emergenza

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Strategie di implementazione e formazione

Training Specifico

- Programmi di formazione dedicati all'emergenza
- Simulatori avanzati per scenari urgenti
- Certificazioni specialistiche
- Valutazione continua delle competenze

Integrazione Clinica

- Protocolli per percorsi urgenti selezionati
- Criteri di inclusione/esclusione chiari
- Disponibilità robot H24 progressiva
- Team dedicati all'emergenza robotica

Innovazione Tecnologica

- Telechirurgia per supporto remoto
- Telementoring in tempo reale
- Condivisione di best practices
- Reti collaborative tra centri

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Raccomandazioni per l'adozione del robot in emergenza

1 Selezione accurata del paziente

Stabilità emodinamica come criterio fondamentale. Valutazione pre-operatoria rapida ma completa. Score di rischio specifici per l'emergenza robotica

2 Investimento in infrastrutture

Disponibilità robot H24, sale operatorie dedicate, personale formato e sempre disponibile. Budget adeguati per manutenzione e aggiornamenti tecnologici

3 Formazione continua

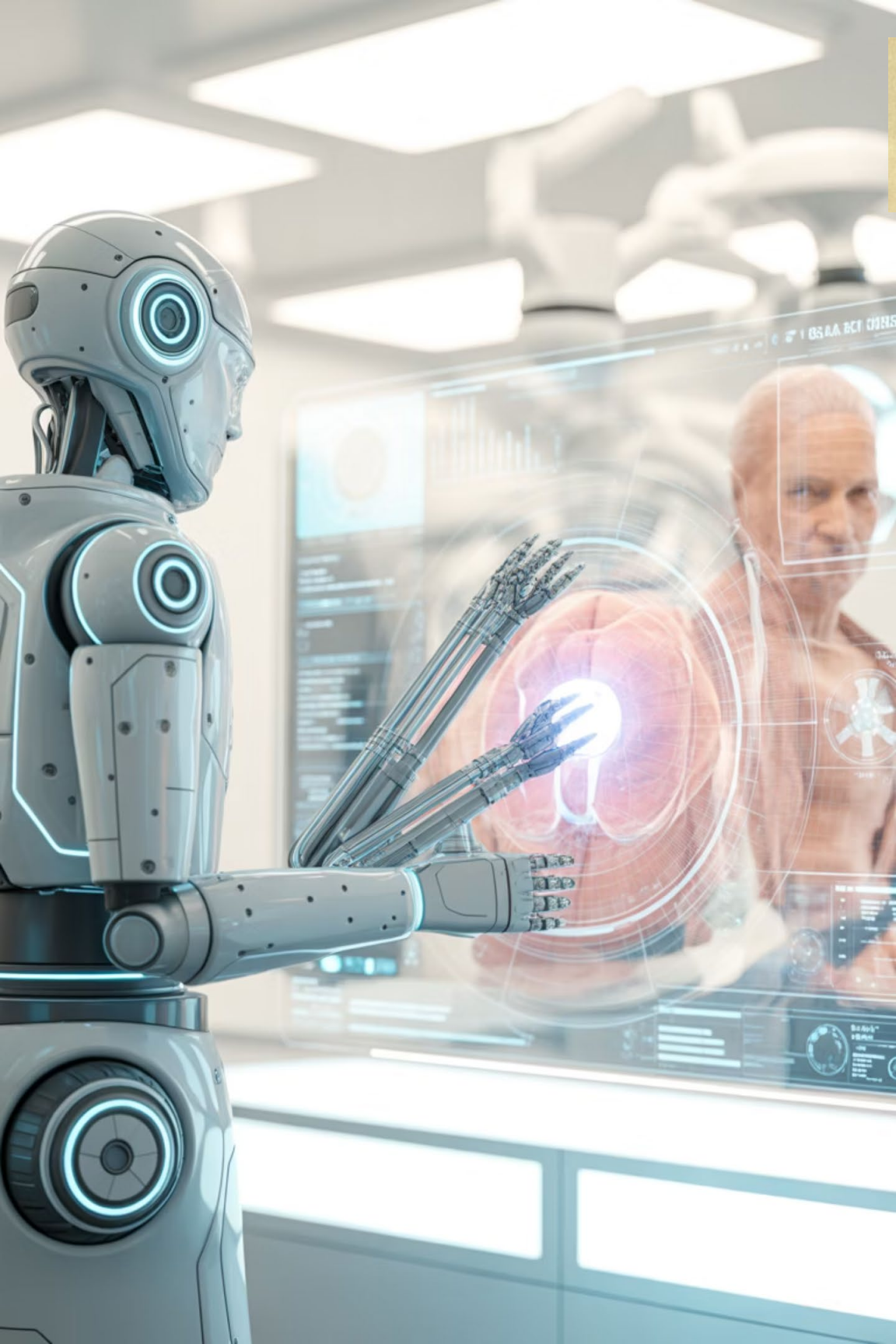
Programmi di training strutturati, simulazioni regolari, certificazioni periodiche. Aggiornamento costante sulle nuove tecnologie e tecniche

4 Collaborazione tra centri

Reti di centri ad alto volume per condivisione di protocolli, esperienze e best practices. Telemedicina per supporto remoto nelle emergenze complesse

5 Monitoraggio e ricerca

Raccolta sistematica dei dati, audit regolari, studi prospettici multicentrici. Valutazione continua degli outcome e costo-efficacia



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Visione futuristica della chirurgia robotica

L'integrazione di intelligenza artificiale, realtà aumentata e feedback aptico trasformerà radicalmente la chirurgia d'urgenza nei prossimi anni

Uomo e macchina: alleati nell'urgenza chirurgica

La vera rivoluzione non sta nella sostituzione del chirurgo, ma
nell'amplificazione delle sue capacità attraverso la tecnologia robotica



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